

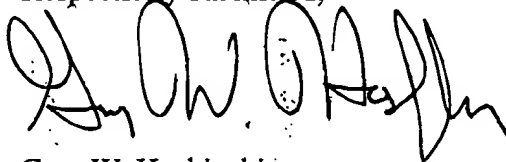
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response an inquiry by Examiner Jessica Baxter made by telephone on July 8, 2003.

REMARKS

Examiner correctly concluded that remarks in the amendment dated 6/24/03 concerning amended claims were incorrect. The remark stating that claims 1, 5, and 12 have been amended are incorrect. Applicants did not amend the claims nor were any amended claims provided in the amendment. Furthermore, applicants inadvertently and incorrectly stated that claims 3, 7, and 14 should be cancelled. Applicants did not mean for these claims to be cancelled. Applicants are writing this per a discussion with the Examiner to clarify Applicants position and to correct the inadvertent error in the amendment dated 6/24/03.

Respectfully submitted,



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